

Child Sex Offender Register

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What should I do if I believe a child is at risk?

A: If a child is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000).

Q: How does the service work and what will I be able to access?

A: The service offers three types of application that will be available under the [Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006](#) and [Child Sex Offenders Registration \(Public Register\) Amendment Bill 2024](#):

- **Wanted Child Sex Offenders** page: Photographs and selected personal details of child sex offenders who have breached their reporting obligations and whose whereabouts are unknown to South Australia Police (SAPOL).
- **Local Search:** South Australian residents can apply to access photographs of serious child sex offenders recorded as living in their residential locality at the time of application.
- **Disclosure Request:** Parents and guardians of a child/children living in South Australia can apply to find out whether a person who had unsupervised contact (no other adult present) with their child/children on three or more separate occasions, is a current child sex offender.

Under the legislation, SAPOL must take a range of factors into consideration before disclosing information, with the overall aim of protecting children at the centre of that decision.

Q: What is the Wanted Child Sex Offenders page?

A: The Wanted Child Sex Offenders page publishes photographs and selected personal details of child sex offenders who have failed to meet their reporting obligations and whose whereabouts are currently unknown to SAPOL.

This information is provided to help keep the community safe and to assist SAPOL to locate these individuals.



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Q: What is a Local Search?

A: A Local Search allows South Australian residents to apply to access photographs of serious child sex offenders recorded as living in the same residential locality as the applicant at the time of the application.

To apply, South Australian residents must provide evidence of their address using a valid South Australian driver's license or other approved identification.

Q: What is a Disclosure Request?

A: A Disclosure Request enables South Australian parents and guardians to apply for information whether a person who has had unsupervised contact (no other adult present) with their child on three or more separate occasions, is a current child sex offender.

Applicants must provide evidence that they are the parent or legal guardian of the child or children. Acceptable evidence includes:

- Birth Certificate.
- Medicare card listing the child.
- Family Court Order.
- Other official documentation confirming the relationship.

Q: What kinds of files can I upload as supporting documents for my Disclosure Request application?

A: Copies of the documents you upload must be:

- Clear and legible.
- Less than 5MB in size.
- In one of the following formats: .JPG, .JPEG, .PNG.

If you attempt to upload a file in an unsupported format, the system will display an error message.

Q: What if I need to make a Disclosure Request for more than one child?

A: A Disclosure Request can only be submitted for one child at a time by a parent or guardian.

If additional children were involved in the same unsupervised contact, their details can be included in the 'Unsupervised Contact' section of the application.

If contact occurred at different times or involved different people, a separate Disclosure Request must be submitted for each child.

Q: Do I need to pay a fee to apply?

A: No, currently no fees are applicable.

Q: How long does it take to receive a response?

A: Processing times vary depending on the type of application and the information required. Applicants will be notified once their application has been assessed.

Q: Will a child sex offender be notified if I make an application?

A: No. Offenders will not be informed about who has applied for information.

Q: Can I share the information I am given?

A: No. Information provided under the Act must not be shared, posted online, or distributed to others. Misuse of the information may result in a criminal conviction.

Q: Can I use the service to check a suburb I want to move to?

A: No. You can only apply to receive selected information about serious child sex offenders in the residential locality in which you currently live.

Q: What does it mean if someone appears on the Wanted Child Sex Offenders page?

A: The personal details and photographs published on the Wanted Child Sex Offenders are registrable offenders who have failed to comply with their reporting obligations or provided false or misleading information to police and whose location or whereabouts are not known to SAPOL. Their details will remain on the page until their whereabouts are confirmed.

Q: What do I do if I recognise someone featured on the Wanted Child Sex Offenders page?

A: The photographs are provided for the purposes of enhanced public awareness and safety. If you recognise a wanted child sex offender or have any information concerning their current whereabouts, or have genuine concerns about your safety or the safety of any other person:

- Do not approach them directly.
- Contact SA Police by calling 131 444.
- Make an anonymous report through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at www.accce.gov.au/report.
- If you are in immediate danger, call triple zero (000).